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Attackers on civilian, military installations to be prosecuted under relevant laws: Khurram

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New budget to bring economic prosperity for all sectors: Dar

that resources were equitably distributed among various sectors.

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Monday said that the government was committed to ensuring that the new budget brings economic prosperity for all sectors of the economy and



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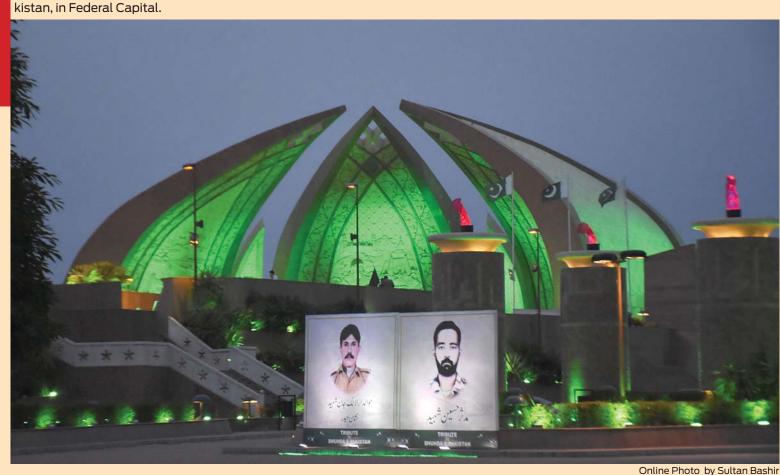


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### Tribute to Martyrs

ISLAMABAD: A stunning view of the Monument illuminated with green lights in connection with Youm-e-Takreem Shuhada-e-Pa-



# Steps on anvil for provision of quality infrastructure, transport facilities to residents of Islamabad: PM

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said that practical steps were being taken for provision of best infrastructure and transport facilities to the residents of Islamabad.

The prime minister directed the relevant authorities to make efforts for extending global standard facilities to the citizens of the capital.

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Asim Munir's

ISLAMABAD: Former

(PTI), Faisal Vawda, has claimed that the Paki-

(PTI) chief Imran Khan-

thwart the appointment

of General Asim Munir as

private news channel, the

former federal minister

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removal of General Asim

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leader of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

appointment as COAS: Vawda

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**№** News Desk

The prime minister chaired a meeting on the development projects of Islamabad. The meeting was attended by Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar, Minister for Interior Rana Sanaullah, PM's adviser Ahad Cheema, PM's special assistant Tariq Bajwa, Hanif Abbasi, Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, Anjum Aqeel, former MNAs, chairman Capital Development Authority, secretaries and other senior officials, PM Office Media Wing

said in a press release.

Steps on anvil for provision of quality infrastructure, transport facilities to residents of Islam-

The prime minister also directed for acceleration of pace on the ongoing development projects without compromising on transparency and qual-

The meeting was apprised that in the rural areas of Islamabad, work on Rs10 billion pack-

would bring a new era of development in these areas.

For improvement of the transport system in Islamabad, a total of 160 electric buses would run on different routes while 30 electric buses out of this batch would arrive by the mid of June to ply on two routes.

Addressing the participants, the prime minister said that overseas Pakistanis were the precious assets of the country

age was being carried out which and their welfare was among the top priorities of the govern-

The meeting was apprised that a number of housing units equipped with the latest facilities were being constructed in the federal capital for the overseas Pakistanis while residential schemes for expatriates were also initiated in which they would be provided with concession of 15 percent over full payment.

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# President calls for revisiting national priorities

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday called for revisiting the national priorities to steer Pakistan out of its present socio-economic and political difficulties.

He said that it was the responsibility of the leadership of all institutions to focus on addressing the major challenges, including overcoming poverty, improving the economy, checking population growth, providing health and education facilities, and eliminating inequalities from society, especially in the rural areas of the country.

The president expressed these views while talking to the participants of the Senior Officers' Leadership Course (SOLC-10), who called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press



underlined the need for inculcating Pakistan needed to make faster decine spirit of forgiveness and love for humanity to promote tolerance and harmony in the society.

He said that he was deeply hurt by the incidents on 9th May and urged the need for upholding the rule of law and holding of only peaceful protests in the country.

delayed decision-making had arrest- and skill development of its youth.

Talking to the officers, the president ed the country's progress, adding that sions to keep pace with the exponential developments taking place in the world.

He said that rapid advancements in the fields of information technology (IT), artificial intelligence (AI), cloud and quantum computing, and cyber security necessitated that Paki-The president deplored the fact that stan should invest in the education

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb has rejected a notion that journalists were missing during the rule of the incumbent government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif which has rather brought 7 points improvement in the country's ranking in the index for freedom of speech and media independence.

"Name me one journalist who is missing. Imran Riaz is a spokesperson of a political party now," she said while talking to a journalist of a foreign media outlet trying to build a wrong perception about media independence and freedom of speech.

### Azerbaijan CGS calls on COAS Gen **Asim Munir**



News Desk

RAWALPINDI: The first Deputy Minister of Defence of Republic of Azerbaijan and Chief of General Staff of Azerof Army Staff (COAS) Generon Tuesday.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release, matters related to defence and security cooperation between the two brothbaijan Army, Colonel General erly countries were discussed Karim Valiyev called on Chief during the meeting. They emphasized on enhancing al Syed Asim Munir at Gener- mutual cooperation in milial Headquarters (GHQ) here tary and professional matters.

#### *PM for* maximum relief to people in budget 2023-24

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday directed the government's economic team to utilize all possible resources to provide maximum relief to common man in the budget for upcoming fiscal year 2023-24.

Chairing a mee to review the budget 2023-24 preparations, he ordered to take every possible step to minimize the financial crisis of the middle and lower income segments of the soci-

During the meeting, the economic team briefed the prime minister about budget preparation besides the revised targets of tax collection for current fiscal year, and the proposed targets for next fiscal year. The meeting was informed that after approval from the federal cabinet, the budget 2023-24 would be presented on June 9.

#### Rupee dives for 5th session to Rs287.15 versus dollar

KARACHI, (TLTP): Pakistani rupee maintained its losing streak against the US dollar for the fifth straight session in the interbank trade and depreciated by 59 paisas (-0.21 percent) on Tuesday.

Factors such as the persistent delays in the revival of the IMF loan programme, a continuous drop in foreign exchange reserves, increas ing chances of default on foreign debt repayment, and political instability in the country are contributing to the mounting pressure on the rupee against the US dollar.

The State Bank of Pakistan said in a tweet that the dollar opened at Rs286.56 in the interbank market and closed at Rs287.15. During the last five sessions in the interbank trade, the rupee has depreciated by Rs2.19 against the greenback. In the open market, the rupee was traded at 305/306 a dollar against 304/306 per dollar a session earlier.

### **Shireen Mazari and** Fayyazul Hassan Chohan announce to leave PTI, politics



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a major setback for the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI), Shireen Mazari and Fayyazul Hassan Chohan Tuesday announced quitting the Imran Khan-led party which has lost several seasoned leaders in the recent days in the aftermath of the May 9 mayhem.

The development came as several party leaders and lawmakers - including Aamir Mehmood Kiani, Malik Amin Aslam, Mahmood Moulvi and Aftab Siddiqui among others — have publicly denounced the attacks on the state installations and announced leaving the former ruling party since the May 9 vandalism.

Addressing a press conference in the federal capital, Mazari — the former federal minister and close aide of Khan — condemned the May 9 riots during which PTI supporters ransacked and torched public and defence installations across the coun-

"I strongly condemn the May 9 violence. I have always condemned the violence of any kind," she remarked.

"My children and parents are my priority," she remarked. Shortly after her presser, Fayyazul Chohan addressed the media and also announced

"I will continue exposing anti-Pakistan elements. I will say categorically that

parting ways with the party.

# Al-Qadir Trust Case: Imran Khan submits response to NAB's May 19 notice

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan on Tuesday submitted a written response to May 19 notice of National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in Al-Qadir Trust case.

In the written response, the tion by NAB are fabricated, baseless former prime minister noted that and malicious," the former premier the £190 million received from stated. He also denied that he or his the National Crime Agency (NCA) wife had benefitted monetarily as was present in the Supreme Court's Al-Qadir trustees. account. "No personal benefit of any kind was taken from this amount," he claimed. "Allegations of corrup-

Imran Khan claimed that the federal cabinet had unanimously taken a decision regarding the

graft watchdog that a copy of its inquiry report had been lost during his arrest at the Islamabad High Court (IHC) earlier this month and requested that another copy be sent to his Zaman Park residence.

amount in accordance with the law. He further informed the anti-

# The Spokesman

### Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on development projects of Islamabad on



# Eight Pakistani peacekeepers to be among 103 honored posthumously at UN on Thursday

News Desk

UNITED NATIONS: Eight Pakistanis are among 103 United Nations peacekeepers from around the world that will be honored posthumously on May 25 at a special ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of UN Peacekeeping, it was officially announced Tuesday.

The Pakistani peacekeepers include six martyred while serving with the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) when their helicopter crashed Ali Awan, Naib Subedar Sami



mad Saad Nomani, and Lance Havildar Muhammad Jamil Khan. Havildar Babar ing with the UN Multidimen-

Ullah Khan, Major Muham- sional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African

Republic (MINUSCA). Pakistan is currently the Siddique lost his life while 5th largest contributor to on March 29, 2022. They are: also serving in MONUSCO UN peacekeeping with near-Havildar Muhammad Ismail, and Corporal Rana Muham- ly 4,200 military and police across Africa, Asia, Europe, Major Faizan Ali, Lt Col Asif mad Tahir Islam while serv- personnel serving in Abyei, and the Middle East. the Central African Repub-

lic, Cyprus, the Democratic nies at UN Headquarters in Republic of the Congo, Mali, South Sudan and Western

In 1948, according to a UN press release, the historic decision was made to deploy military observers to the Middle East to supervise the implementation of Israel-Arab Armistice agreements, in what became the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. Since that time, more than two million peacekeepers from 125 countries have served in 71 operations around the world. Today, 87,000 women and men are serving in 12 conflict zones

During formal c

New York, Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres will lay a wreath to honour the more than 4,200 UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives since 1948. He will also preside over a ceremony in the General Assembly Hall at which Dag Hammarskjöld Medals will be awarded posthumously to 103 military, police, and civilian peacekeepers, who lost their lives serving under the UN flag last year.

The Secretary-General will also present the 2022 Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award to Captain Cecilia Erzuah, a military officer from Ghana who served with the UN Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA)

## Senate Committee deliberated pre-budget proposals put forward by different stakeholders

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue was held here at Parliament House on Tuesday with Senator Saleem Mandviwalla in Chair.

Pre-budget proposals put forwarded by different stakeholders, Ehsan Malik, CEO Pakistan Business Council, apprised that 100 of the most prominent business of the country are generating 40pc export, in addition to its 20pc share in GDP and approximately 56 pc tax have been collected from it. He suggested that equitable tax regime should be initiated, besides providing ease of doing busi-



ed the need of revisiting the Pak-Afghan transit. Discussing the pre-budget

drawn. They also highlight-

pc value added tax which is being charged on raw materials at import stage is unjustifiable and it should be revisited. They also apprised that major bulk of buyers in the country are unregistered and provision of CNIC on supplies to unregistered persons has become a major hurdle in business trans-

Furthermore, representatives of coca cola beveragproposals, representatives of es apprised that Pakistan is Karachi chamber of commerce second country after the Saudia committee accordingly.

highly charged and the recent increase in Federal Excise Duty (FED) has reduced the sale around 25pc. They suggested that FED on beverages should be reduced by 4 pc which is currently stands at 20 pc.

Afaq Ahmad Qureshi, Member FBR, apprised that the recommendations of all stakeholders have been received and FBR has initiated deliberations on the said proposals and will inform the standing

The meeting was attended by Senator Saadia Abbasi, Senator Dilawar Khan, Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman, Senator Mohsin Aziz (via phone call), State Minister for Finace and Revenue Dr. Aisha Ghaus Pasha, Chairman FBR Asim Ahmad, Special Secretary Finance Division Hamed Yaqoob Shiekh,CEO PBC Ehsan Malik and Presidents of various chamber of commerce and industries were also in attendance.

### SC pushes for swift action in written order of May 9 hearing in Arshad Sharif murder case

SC calls for mutual legal assistance from Kenyan authorities

KHAN-EWAL: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI) MNA Amir Dogar has escaped from the court

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Dogar Escapes

from Court

S Asim Tanveer



As per details, the PTI MNA was present before the court by Kacha Khuh Khanewal Police as he was booked in two cases.

When the court discharged PTI leader Amir Dogar from two cases, the police tried to arrest him again but the lawyer helped him escape the court.



murder case of senior journalist Arshad Sharif by issuing a However, it was revealed that written order for the hearing red warrants for the suspects, held on May 9. The court has identified as Khurram and shown concern over the lack of progress in the investigation Waqar, have not yet been and has called for accelerated

tors to justice.

efforts to bring the perpetra-To address this delay, the attorney general further stat-During the hearing, the ed that the Federal Investigaattorney general informed the tion Agency (FIA) will expecourt that Kenyan authorities dite the process of obtaining have decided to indict two offired warrants for Khurram and cials involved in the incident. Waqar. It was revealed that the

fact-finding report, which has recently been made public, has prompted the Kenyan authorities to be cautious and cooperate with the Joint Investigation Team (JIT).

The Kenyan authorities have agreed to determine the relevant officers for cooperation within a week. The court has emphasised the importance of mutual legal assistance and urged all parties involved to speed up the

The next hearing of the Arshad Sharif murder case has

#### Imran Khan Secures Interim Bail in Eight Cases from ATC

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) on Tuesday extended interim bail of former premier and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan in eight cases registered against him.

The former prime minister — who is facing a number of cases - reached the Islamabad judicial complex, ahead of his appearance before the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) at its Rawalpindi office in the £190 million settlement case.

The pre-arrest bail pleas were taken up by AC Judge Raja Jawad Abbas. The prosecutor opposing the extension in interim bail of the former premier said he is not joining been scheduled for June 13. the investigation despite court orders.

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### Shah Mahmood, Musarrat Cheema re-arrested outside Adiala Jail

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Jamshed Iqbal Cheema and his wife Musarat Jamshed Cheema re-arrested moments after they were released from Adiala Jail.

As per details, PTI Shah Mahmood was released from Adiala jail but he was taken into custody right after his

Earlier today, Islamabad High Court issued an order for the release of Shah Mahmood Qureshi, the Vice Chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-In-

Upon reviewing the sworn statement submitted by Qureshi's lawyers, the honourable judges reached a decision and order for the release of Shah hended by police.

Mahmood Qureshi.

It is pertinent to mention here that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI) vice chairman and former foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi was taken into custody by police in Islamabad.

As per details, Shah Mehmood Qureshi was arrested from Gilgit Baltistan House in Islamabad, soon after the riots erupted across Pakistan following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan in the Al-Qadir Trust case.

Qureshi's arrest was an addition to the tally as several PTI leaders including former Governor Punjab Omer Sarfraz Cheema, PTI secretary general Asad Umar and PTI Vice President Fawad Chaudhry were already appre-

### Attackers on civilian, military installations to be prosecuted under relevant laws: Khurram

**E** City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Power Division Engineer Khurram Dastgir on Tuesday categorically said that those who attacked civilian installations on May 9 would be prosecuted under the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 and the Pakistan Penal Code while those who attacked military installations would be prosecuted under the Army Act 1952, which has a provision for doing so.

Briefing foreign media on the current political situation here, he said, "No new legislation is under consideration. No new courts are being created".

He said the insurrectionists would be prosecuted under existing laws on Pakistan's statute books, laws that were there and used by Imran Khan's

government during 2018-22.



constitute the current federal government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif obtained more than two-thirds of the popular vote polled across all four provinces in the July 2018 general election. We represented an overwhelming majority of Pakistanis, he

 $He\,went\,on\,to\,say\,that\,parliament$ would provide full funding for the general election and its security in the upcoming federal budget due on 9 June. Parliament would also complete its term in mid-August 2023 and elections would be held The minister said the parties that on schedule this autumn.

### High profile militant leader Shambay pleads mercy, asks followers to surrender to state

**Bureau Report** 

QUETTA: Gulzar Imam Shambay, the founder and head of banned Baloch National Army (BNA), Tuesday pleaded for mercy and asked his followers to give up arms and surrender to the state.

The most high profile militant leader, who was arrested in one of the most complex intelligence operations involving various geographical locations, urged the disgruntled Baloch people to leave their "armed rebellion" and better join the national mainstream to work for the development and prosperity of Balochistan and the country.

The BNA leader was presented before the media by Balochistan Minister for Home and Tribal Affairs Ziaullah Langu during a press confer-

The minister briefly informed the media about how the BNA leader was arrested by the security agencies.

The BNA leader refused to remain a state like a mother would give him and and political means.



other militants to come into its fold giving them a chance to reform and become responsible citizens instead of continuing the so-called "fight for

Shambay said he remained involved in militancy for the last 15 years, aimed at, though wrongly, protecting the Baloch people, and was arrested a few days ago.

He said during his captivity, he had meetings and discussions with the Baloch elders and came to the conclusion that the people's rights could be pawn of the hostile agencies, saying the achieved only through constitutional

#### PTI activist Khadija Shah surrenders to CIA police

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: In a significant development, Khadija Shah, a prominent activist affiliated with the Pakistan Tehreek-

e-Insaf (PTI), was apprehended by authorities on Tuesday for her alleged involvement in Jinnah House attack on May 9.

The arrest took place today under the supervision of senior superintendent of police CIA (Criminal Investigation Agency), Malik Liaquat, at the CIA Iqbal Town office. DSP CIA (deputy superintendent of police CIA) Muhammad Ali Butt officially carried out the arrest.

Upon Khadija Shah's arrival at the CIA Iqbal Town premises, DSP CIA Muhammad Ali Butt took her into custody, formalising her arrest.

### MoSHina, UK special envoy discuss evolving situation in **Afghanistan**

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Special Representative of the United Kingdom on Afghanistan Andy McCoubrey on Tuesday called on Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani

In the meeting, they discussed the evolving situation in the war-torn country and reaffirmed the desire for a peaceful and stable Afghanistan.

Both sides also agreed to maintain engagement and dialogue.

Meanwhile, Ambassador of Austria Andrea Wicke also called on Hina Rabbani Khar wherein the two sides expressed satisfaction over bilateral ties. They agreed to further strengthen cooperation in trade, investment, education cooperation, and enhance mobility of labour from Pakistan to Austria.

# Sardar Attique hails Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for its Kashmir speech

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan has said that Pakistan's Foreign Minister Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's speech to the Assembly of Azad Jammu and Kashmir has wisely torn the Indian myth that the situation in Occupied Kashmir has returned to normal. His address provides justification for the ongoing legal right of self-determination movement of

for his bold speech reiterating the Srinagar. India was throwing dust changed the political map of Paki-



geographical and historical unity of Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan. Thanks to China, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Indonesia and Turkey for Occupied Kashmir and wanted to show that the situation in Occupied Kashmir is normal. In Occupied Kashmir, one million troops of India have besieged Kashmiri India. Sardar Muslim Conference Sardar Atiq Ahmad Khan said that the Pakistan Army Zindabad rally under the auspices of the Muslim Conference on May 24 will be history-making.

All the Muslim Conference workers should ensure their participation in this rally. He said that the Muslim Conference was an ally with the PTI We heartily congratulate him boycotting the G-20 meetings in in the election, but the May 9 incident

in the eyes of the world by hold- stan and its effects have also affecting a meeting of G20 countries in ed Azad Kashmir. It has happened because the Muslim Conference has a principled stand and the Muslim Conference has a continuity and will maintain it. I congratulate and pay tribute to the Foreign Minister for his successful visit to India he added. Meanwhile President All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan met President Muslim League-N Azad Kashmir Shah Ghulam Qadir at the State Guest House. In the meeting, the political situation of Azad Kashmir and the latest situation of occupied Kashmir were discussed in detail.

# First Hajj flight carrying 326 Hajj pilgrims from Multan Airport: Yousaf Raza Gillani

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Former Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani addressed the pilgrims on the occasion of first Hajj flight carrying 326 Hajj pilgrims from Multan Airport and bid them farewell. Only those who are called go We made Multan Airport international during our time, due to which people are leaving Multan for Saudi Arabia today.

I request the Hajj pilgrims to go there and pray for Pakistan. May Allah protect Pakistan from the enemy and make it develop. You people ambassador of this counand there you will be the



are going to perform Hajj try who will represent your for the late Maulana Abdul

at 10:10 AM

PK 715 flight was carrying 326 pilgrims In this regard, a farewell ceremony for pilgrims was held at Hoi base Former Prime Minister of Pakistan Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani was the Chief Guest of the event Director Haj Rehan Khokhar, CIOPIAC Saqlain Hydari also participated Airport Manager Syed Ghazanfar Raza, CSOASF Abdul Waheed were also present at the event The ceremony was held at the Domestic Departure Lounge and the pilgrims were seen

Religious Affairs, Yusuf Raza

Gilani The first Hajj flight

from Multan left Madinah

#### Researchers from China and Pakistan successfully developed new method to treat celiac disease

👺 Xinhua

LANZHOU: - An international research team has developed a new method to treat celiac disease, according to Lanzhou University.

The study conducted by Chinese, Pakistani and other overseas researchers has been published in the journal Food Research Interna-

Aman Khan, leader of the study and a Pakistani postdoctoral fellow at Lanzhou University in northwest China's Gansu Province, has been engaged in research related to the treatment of celiac disease over these

According to Aman, the disease, an immune disorder triggered by gluten ingestion, is quite common in Asian countries including Pakistan, as they eat lots of food made of flour, which contains gluten. He hopes to use his knowledge to help people

Inspired and supported by his advisor, Li Xiangkai, a professor with the environmental microbiology group under Lanzhou University, Aman has been isolating probiotic bacterial strains from Pakistani fermented sourdough bread so as to use them in preventing the occurrences of celiac disease.

According to Aman, the celiac disease treatment idea has been taken from their group previous study. They isolated a probiotic strain from Jiangshui, a traditional Chinese fermented food, which could degrade uric acid and upregulate gut microbiota. They then made yogurt with the strain and conducted a two-month human trial on 120 volunteers with hyperuricemia. Results showed that the Jiangshui-yogurt exhibited high degradation capacity for uric acid.

Guided by his advisor, Aman and team members have successfully isolated probiotic bacterial strains called LZU-GM from Pakistani fermented sourdough bread and finished a series of experiments

"According to our experiments results and integrative analysis, the isolated LZU-GM provides evidence that it can relieve adverse effect of gluten additive food and balance gut microbiota in mice," said Aman, added that further clinical trials will be needed to determine the safety and efficacy of probiotics in fermented sourdough bread as a treatment for celiac disease.

Li Xiangkai said that they will make yogurt with GM strain isolat-

## MD AAA Associates attends IBA Directors' Training Program in Islamabad

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: IBA Center for Executive Education made a significant stride towards nurturing the expansion of the business community in Islamabad by unveiling its anticipated Director's Training Program. The program was launched in an event organized by the core team of IBA Alumni North Islamabad Chapter. The Chief Guest of the occasion was Chairman SECP Mr. Akif Saeed.

More than 200 people from diverse fields attended the inauguration. The new office will provide leadership and management development programmes for family companies, public sectors, state-owned enterprises, and corporates in the northern areas, with a focus on IBA Karachi's executive and organisational development philosophy. IBA aims to bring opportunities for organizations and individuals through action learning-based capacity-building initiatives, research, forums, think tanks, and consultancies. This venture will help meet the increasing demands of today's business world.

AAA Associates, under the leadership of Lt. Col. Shahzad Ali Kiani (r), has always respected and supported



I request you all to pray

Shakoor, former Minister of

growth and professional development. The company sees the Director's Training Program as an invaluable addition to the educational resources available o Islamabad's business community.

The new training program, tailored to address the unique challenges faced by family-run businesses, promises to equip entrepreneurs with the essential skills and knowledge required to manage their business complexities

Lt. Col. Shahzad Ali Kiani (r) initiatives that contribute to business expressed his support for such initia-

tives, stating, "At AAA Associates, we believe in the power of continual learning and professional development. This program aligns with our commitment to fostering business growth in Islamabad. We congratulate IBA Center for Executive Education on this significant milestone and look forward to seeing the impact this program will have on the business community.

AAA Associates is a leading multidimensional business conglomerate, recognized for its exceptional dedication to excellence and customer service

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becoming soldiers of this country, we should help and serve others. Make life's purpose and motto transparent & beneficial for others.

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#### Hands-on training under Pakistan Life Savers Program at Women University Multan Campus



👺 Kiran Asim

 $\label{eq:MULTAN: Department of Pharmacy, The Women\ University\ Multan} MULTAN: Department\ of\ Pharmacy,\ The\ Women\ University\ Multan$ in Collaboration with Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122) organized Hands-on training under "Pakistan Life Savers Program" at Matital Campus. The primary goal of Punjab Emergency Service program's is to transform Pakistan into a nation of empowered citizens with basic skills to save lives and help them acquire basic life-saving skills of CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and bleeding Control. Emergency officer/Community Training, Mr. Muhammad Arshad introduced the mission of the program and highlighted the importance and need of acquiring the basic skills to save life. Later, the staff trainers Mr. Muhammad Imran and Ms. Abida Parveen demonstrated CPR and Bleeding control technique. The participants practiced the techniques under the supervision of the expert trainers. The training ended with post evaluation test. Dr. Kanwal Rehman, Chairperson, Department of Pharmacy thanked the trainers and participants and was also thankful to the visionary leadership of Prof. Dr. Uzma Quraishi, Vice Chancellor, WUM for giving motivation and allowing the faculty and students of university to gain practical life-saving skills. She appreciated the efforts of the faculty member, Dr. Zermina Rashid and other who participated for this event. Department of Pharmacy envisions to continue to organize such hands-on life-saving trainings in future.

#### Government announced to celebrate Pakistan Martyrs Day on May 25: Amir Khattak

MULTAN: It has been decided to celebrate Martyrs' Day on May 25 in a grand manner to pay tribute to the martyrs. In this regard, a meeting of district and divisional departments, civil society members was held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Multan Division Engineer Aamir Khattak. Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir, Advisor to Prime Minister Abdul Ghaffar Dogar, Additional Commissioner Coordination Sarfaraz Ahmed, well-known religious scholar were present in the meeting. Hanif Jalandhri, President High Court Bar Rana Asif Saeed, President District Bar Waheed Bukhari, District Bar and Peace Committee members also participated.

On this occasion, Commissioner Engineer Aamir Khattak said that the government has announced to celebrate Pakistan Martyrs Day on May 25. Thanks to the great sacrifices of the martyrs, the country is established. On May 25, tributes will be paid to the martyrs by singing the national anthem at Ghanta Ghar. Deputy Commissioner Umar Jahangir said that the district administration will hold rallies and hoist the national flag. Standing with the families of the martyrs. Ahmad Hussain Dehar, Sheikh Tariq Rasheed, Malik Asif Rajwana, Zaheeruddin Alizai, Haji Ehsanuddin in the meeting.

Rana Eiaz Ahmed Noon, Mian Shahzad Maqbool Bhatta, Qasim Khan Langah, Rana Iqbal Siraj, Mian Salman Qureshi, Mian Salman Naeem, Rana Tahir Shabbir, Babar Shah, President Kisan Ittehad Khalid Khokhar, lawyers, civil society members, politicians, businessmen and Members of religious parties were present, while it was decided to fully participate in the Martyrs' Day ceremony in the meeting.

#### Syed Ali Haider Gillani met with Former Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz Sharif



😂 Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Former provincial minister Punjab Syed Ali Haider Geelani met former Punjab Chief Minister Mian Hamza Shehbaz at his residence in Model Town: Syed Ali Haider Geelani discussed the current political situation with Mian Hamza Shehbaz.

Both the leaders said that the tragedy of May 9 has made the entire nation sad. Attacks on military installations, symbols of martyrs, attacks on government and private property are less to be condemned.

The miscreants will be brought to justice and brought to a terrible end. The martyrs of Pak forces have always kept the whole nation proud by giving thousands of sacrifices. 24 crore people are standing by the side of their brave Pak forces. Martyrs' Day will be celebrated with full enthusiasm on May 25



President PMLN Mr Shah Ghulam Qadir called on former Prime Minister and President of Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan at state guest House Muzaffarabad.

# Chief of Army Staff expressing sympathy and the feeling of fraternity with injured DIG Operations tiful picture of this year that that you are ours. They have

**Mian Rashid Asghar** 

FAISALABAD: The expression of sympathy with humanity and the feeling of fraternity & brotherhood by the high officers to the general and the special one foster harmony in the country and the nation.

And this expression is evident from the most beau-

to the police officer of Lahore. Syed Nasir Rizvi was seriously injured by stone pelting by attackers at the house of Corps Commander Lahore and is face many evil elements withstill undergoing treatment in a hospital in Lahore.

Chief of Army Staff Mr. Asim come to tell us that we are Munir is expressing his love soldiers fighting for the same country's integrity & unity in Moreover, DIG Operations all respect. The army is on the borders of the country that stand up and fight for securing everything and the police in the country to keep lawless-





# **Namaz Timings**

#### **EMERGENCY**

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#### FPCCI proposes blueprint for mitigating damages due to floods

#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

KARACHI :Mr. Suleman Chawla, Acting President FPCCI, has said that FPCCI has come up with pragmatic recommendations for the government to mitigate the damages and disasters caused by floods in Pakistan repeatedly; which destroys precious human lives; crops & livelihoods and the economy as a whole. He recalled that these damages touched astronomical proportions in 2022; resulting in 33 million people badly affected and \$30 billion in cumulative financial losses to the country - and, we as a nation, must strive hard to prevent these dangers to wreck havocs again.

Mr. Suleman Chawla, Acting President FPCCI, stressed that we should get our governance in order and prepare for the challenges of climate change being faced by Pakistan; despite being a contributor of merelv 0.8 percent of world's total carbon emissions; but, bearing a much larger and disproportionate share without any substantial & tangible assistance from the developed world.

Engr. M. A. Jabbar, VP FPCCI, mentioned that there are 150 dams in the country and there is an urgent need to develop reser voir capacities to preserve water and mitigate future floods at the same time. Additionally, at school and college levels, environment and water management-related awareness should be promoted through trainings for teachers and introducing these concepts effectively in the syllabi.

Prof. Dr. Viqar Hussain, Convener of FPCCI's Central Standing Committee on Environment, said that we should believe in science; and, should carry out geological, geotechnical studies for the site selection for the dams and reservoirs; start diligently following building codes and enhance constructions standards in the country based on international

# Rana Tanveer visits Shah Allah Ditta for Drive to **Enroll of Out of School Children in ICT**

#### 跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, Rana Tanveer Hussain, addressed a gathering at Government Girls School in Shah Allah Ditta on Tuesday. He highlighted the importance of Zero Out of School Children (OOSC) Enrollment Drive which reflects government's commitment to quality education as a crucial element for competing with developing countries worldwide.

Accompanied by the Additional Secretary Education, Mr. Salman Mufti, and esteemed officers from FDE, NCHD, BECS, PIE, NEF, PEIRA Page, JICA, Sang Preet, Sunbeams, Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain appreciated the efforts of all partners for identification and enrollment of OOSC. He emphasized the government's dedication to utilize all available resources in providing education to all, which is not only the basic right of every child but also an essential factor for national progress.

Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain emphasized on the strong need of enrolling



ic and social growth. He also gave directions to speed up the enrollment process light of the Government's vision. Earlier, he was also given a detailed presentation on the subject and was informed that around 3500 children had already been enrolled in only two weeks and the

OOSC and called it critical for econom- in coming weeks as well. He was further informed that as per data, all children in Shah Allah Ditta were now enrolled in so that the targets could be achieved in schools. Minister advised all partners to put in their maximum efforts to make this campaign successful and effective.

Rana Tanveer Hussain also met the community members in field and appreciated their work in mobilizing the parents same momentum was going to continue and children

# Taha G features on Spotify RADAR's digital billboard in Times Square

#### **№** News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Taha G became the latest Pakistani artist to stand tall on Spotify's digital billboard in Times Square, NYC. The energetic, electro-pop talent recently rose through the ranks to feature on RADAR Pakistan, the signature platform for emerging musicians from the Pakistani music scene followed by a performance in Lahore as the first RADAR Pakistan artist for the year 2023.

As part of RADAR Pakistan, Spotify released a RADAR mini-documentary that gives a sneak peek to Taha G's fans into his life and career. Directed by Zohaib Kazi & Produced by Aikman Studio, this exclusive mini-documentary also includes Taha G's song, Naakay. "We knew Taha G has something

special to offer his fans, we see this in the nini-documentary. His listenership has grown by 26% and that's exactly what we stan, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh. aim to achieve with the RADAR Pakistan artists to ensure their music gets the global attention it deserves. It feels great to have a significant role in his progress as an Artist." said Khan FM, Spotify's Artist & Label Partnerships Manager for Paki-



He added, "Being featured on the program. We are actively engaging with Times Square billboard is not necessarily part of every RADAR program, we're working diligently with our Global teams to try to get artists the maximum exposure-in the case of RADAR, this is mainly via the mini-documentary created exclu-

sively for the artist to resonate with fans

Breaking norms in Pakistan's evolving musical landscape, Taha G has crafted a unique identity for himself as a sensation in electro-pop. However, his vocal excellence lies in a diverse set of genres including Pop, Indie and Hip Hop.

# Shan Shares, Ismail Foundation promotes green Pakistan

KARACHI: Shan Shares, the corporate identity of Shan Foods committed to promoting sustainability, inaugurated a recreational park in Landhi, Karachi in partnership with Ismail Foundation, a not-for-profit organization and the CSR wing of Ismail Industries Limited that works for the development and Foundation, in collaboration is one of the biggest nuisancimprovement of the society.

The park is constructed under WASL (Water and Sanitation Logistics), the flagship water project of the Ismail



with Shan Shares which will es for the residents of Landhi. also be overlooking the main- The newly constructed park in tenance of the park. Being an the area will not only serve as industrial municipality, air and a scenic and recreational spot water pollution in the region for the locals but will also help

in bringing positive changes to their health and wellbeing by being a source of clean and fresh air in the area.

Speaking during the inauguration of this green initiative, Sammer Sultan, Co-chairwoman of Shan Foods, said, "Shan Shares is very passionate about uplifting the society and the environment in every way possible. Encouraging vegetation and greenery throughout the city is the need of the hour and we should all come together to appreciate and become a part

# Dr. Murtaza Mughal elected chief organizer of Tehreek-e-Shadbad

#### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: A meeting of the central executive committee of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Shadbad was held under the chairman of the party Dr. Muhammad Haneef Mughal.

In the meeting, wellknown social personality Dr. Murtaza Mughal was selected as the chief organizer of the party in view of his services.

The decision was taken by all the party members and they hoped that Dr. Mughal will organize the party at the national level.

Famous social worker Khawaja Faheem Bilal, who



runs Free Eye Care Network, Abdul Khaliq has been made been appointed as president has been elected as the president of Rawalpindi, while in place of Haji Tariq Mirza. Hassan Mughal was appoint-Chaudhry businessman

the president of Islamabad of the Legal Wing, Profesor Barrister Raza Khokar has ed as president of the Educa-

has been given the responsibility of coordinator.

tion Wing and Agha Amjad

The overall situation of the country was discussed in the meeting. A pledge of loyalty to Pakistan was made and tributes were paid to the armed forces for their outstanding defence and national services

They noted that the nation is living in a free atmosphere due to the great sacrifices of its martyrs and the services of the Ghazis.

The Pakistan Army is an institution which is always considered in high esteem by the people of Pakistan, they

# Declares the Result of Final Professional MBBS and Final & First Professional BDS





ISLAMABAD: The Foundation University has declared the Result of Final Professional MBBS and Final & First Professional BDS (Annual) Examinations - 2022

In Final Professional MBBS (Annual) Examination, out of 170 candidates who appeared in the examination 162 were declared successful with a pass percentage of 95.29. Ms. AMNA SHAHID got 1st position in the MBBS examination securing 1458 out of 1800 marks.

In Final Professional BDS (Annual) Examination 2022, out of 57 candidates who appeared in the Final BDS examination, 45 were declared successful with a pass percentage of 78.95. Ms. EMAAN AHSIN, got 1st position in the examination securing 941 out of 1200

In the FirstProfessional BDS (Annual) Examination 2022, out of 50 candidates who appeared in the examination, 42 were declared successful with a pass percentage of 84.00.Ms. ALEEZA MOEED, got 1st position in the examination securing 687 out of 800 marks.

The result may also be seen on FUI website www.fui.edu.pk

#### Delegation of business community met with RPO Dera



B Adam Khan Wazir

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: At Range Office Dera Ismail Khan, Regional Police Officer Dera Ismail Khan Abdul Ghafoor Afridi met the delegation of Central business community.

The delegation was attended by the President of Central business community Sohail Azmi, Kafeel Ahmad Nizami and other members of Central business community and meanwhile, commercial, industrial and other problems faced by the business community were discussed, on which the RPO assured to solve the problems of the business community on priority basis.

As security has been enhanced in the city's main commercial hubs and markets, the business community is the backbone and your role in the development of Pakistan is of great importance.

The police will cooperate with you in all possible ways for your problems so that the problems can be solved mutually by establishing better relations between the traders and the police.

#### Sastaticket.pk, successfully organized a hackathon



KARACHI :Sastaticket.pk, a leading online travel platform, successfully organized a hackathon aimed at fostering collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking among aspiring tech enthusiasts in Pakistan. The event, held on 19th to 21st May 2023, brought together a diverse pool of participants to generate innovative ideas for problem-solving, encourage growth, and showcase the country's entrepreneurial talent. SalamAir, Sadabahar Daewoo Service and Amadeus proudly sponsored the hackathon as the Platinum Sponsor, reinforcing their commitment  $\,$ to supporting the next generation of tech leaders.

The hackathon was an incredible opportunity for the tech community to come together, inspire each other, and create solutions that can transform the travel industry. We are delighted to have witnessed such immense talent and dedication," said Shazil Mehkri, CEO of Sastatick-

The hackathon provided an opportunity for participants to showcase their skills and passion for technology while addressing real-world challenges in the travel industry. The event attracted talented individuals from various backgrounds, allowing for a rich exchange of ideas and perspectives. With the support of SalamAir, Sadabahar Daewoo Service and Amadeus,

The hackathon was graced by prominent industry leaders and experts who served as mentors and judges, ensuring a high level of guidance and evaluation. The esteemed panel of mentors included Shazil Mehkri (CEO, Sastaticket), Kamran Qadri (Head of Product and Development, SimpliEd), Mubashir Sakhi (Co-founder, Streamguys & Pitchwise), Saim Siddiqui (CEO & Founder, Procheck), Abbas Akhtar (Startup Product/Technology Consultant), and Mir Akbar (GM Amadeus). Their expertise and guidance played a pivotal role in inspiring participants and elevating the overall quality of the event.

#### CTD arrests banned SRA terrorist in Karachi

#### 👺 Raja Furqan Ahmed

KARACHI: The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of Sindh police claimed to have a banned Sindh Revolutionary Army (SRA) terrorist from Karachi. According to the details, the SRA operative was arrested during a successful operation in Karachi's posh area of Clifton. The arrested operator of the Sindh Revolutionary Army has made startling revelations in the initial probe. According to spokesman CTD, a remote control bomb had been recovered from the terrorist, adding that the bomb was to be planted in Karachi's biggest restaurant. The arrested terrorist in his confessional statement said that he was tasked to target Chinese citizens in Karachi. On the revelations of the arrested terrorist, the CTD has teamed up with the police to find other terrorists.

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### **Kashmiris protest** against G20 meeting

large number of Kashmiri-Americans staged a demonstration in front of United Nations Headquarters Monday to protest India's decision to convene a meeting of G20 countries' representatives in occupied Kashmir, with prominent speakers asserting that the move was aimed at engineering a facade of normalcy in the restive UN-recognized disputed territory.

Rented digital trucks flashing a wide range of messages, including the right of Kashmiri people's to self-determination, amplified the protestors outrage at the tourism meeting, the first such gathering since India unilaterally brought Kashmir under direct control in August 2019.

The messages included, "G20 risks legitimizing India's illegal occupation of Kashmir", "G20 in Kashmir violates UN resolutions", "G20 in occupied Kashmir enables genocide", "Say NO to G20 in Kashmir", "Modi: face of Fascism", ""End the Occupation: Free Kashmir", "Demilitarize Kashmir", "India: Release All Political Prisoners."

A memorandum was submitted to the office of UN Secretary-General, demanding among other issues, the unconditional release of human rights defenders and political prisoners, including Khurram Parvez, Muhammad Yasin Malik, Shabbir Ahmed Shah, Masarrat Aalam, Aaasia Andrabi and journalists like Irfan Mehraj, Asif Sultan, Sajjad Gul, Fahad Shah, Gow-

Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Secretary-General of the World Kashmir Awareness Forum, a Washington-based advocacy group, said the G20 meeting in Kashmir contravened more than 16 resolutions, which were agreed by both India and Pakistan.

By holding the G20 meeting in Kashmir, Fai said that India intended to use the presence the representatives of the G20 countries as some kind of a seal of approval on the "reckless decision" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi 's decision to annex Kashmir in violation of international law and UNSC res-

He appealed to the G20 countries to listen to Professor Fernand de Vareness, the UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, who had warned the G20 countries that India was seeking to "normalize what some have described as a military occupation." In this regard, Volker Turk, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, also voiced concern in the UN Human Rights Council over the human rights situation in the Kashmir region

Sardar Sawar Khan, former Member of the Kashmir Council and the main organizer of the peaceful protest hoped that the G20 countries, as signatories to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Geneva convention, and other International Human Rights instruments will adopt a definitive pro-people stance. The credibility of G20 countries is on the line, he said, urging them to stand firm and refuse to be weaponized in the disempowerment and subjugation of a hapless people.

Other speakers at the rally in which anti-India slogans were raised included, Raja Mukhtar of Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front; Sardar Zarif Khan, Secretary-General of the Kashmir American Welfare Association; Sardar Imtiaz Khan Garalvi, a Representative of the Jamaat-e-Islami, Azad Kashmir; and Kashmiri activists like Raja Razzak, Mirza Farooq, Sardar Sajid Sawar, Choudhary Muhammad Ishaq, Zahid Shahbaz, Sardar Mehmood, Ms. Aita Shahnaz and Choudhary Rashid

# Pakistan's Border Woes: Torkham's Troubling Tale of Corruption and Disrepute

of corruption and disregard for human dignity has unfolded at the Pak-Afghan Torkham border. Numerous government agencies, entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring smooth travel and maintaining law and order, have regrettably become a source of inconvenience and anguish for travelers journeying to Pakistan and from Afghanistan. The unscrupulous behavior exhibited by officials from the Federal Investigation Agencv (FIA), Customs, and Frontier Corps (FC) stationed at this vital crossing point has not only tarnished Pakistan's reputation but has also led to diplomatic tensions between the two neighboring

A Troubling Attitude: The lamentable state of affairs at the Torkham border is primarily characterized by the regrettable attitudes displayed by various government departments towards Afghan travelers and those returning to Pakistan. The treatment meted out to these individuals has not only caused great distress but has also marred Pakistan's image on the international stage. Disturbingly, impoverished Afghan citizens are being forced into a cycle of bribery, having no choice but to succumb to

Plight of Afghan Patients: Compounding the distress is the plight of Afghan patients seeking medical treatment in Pakistan. These individuals, already burdened by their medical conditions, find themselves detained at the border for extended

periods due to their inability to meet the unlawful demands of immigration and other government agencies. Such unjust practices are not only inhumane but also prevent those in need from accessing essential healthcare services. This dire situation serves as a glaring testament to the need for immediate action and reform.

Illicit Deals and Corruption: Sources close to the matter have revealed that illicit deals are being conducted within government departments for coveted assignments at the Pak-Afghan Torkham border. Shockingly, it is alleged that the FIA alone collects a staggering amount of two crores in bribes each month, funds that are shame-

authorities and other government agen- This rampant corruption and abuse of

human trafficking and further erode the trust and credibility of those responsible for upholding the rule of law.

As news of the corruption and irregularities

perpetrated by Pakistani offi-

cials stationed at the border spreads, the Afghan government has registered multiple protests against Pakistan. They rightly point out the stark contrast in treatment between passengers arriving from Pakistan and foreign nationals when deal-

Syed Ihtisham Bukhari

ing with Pakistani agencies. These protests underscore the urgent need for Pakistani authorities to rectify the situation and restore diplomatic relations on solid ground. The unfortunate saga unfolding at the Pak-Afghan Torkham border highlights a disheartening reality of corruption and disregard for basic human rights. It is imperative

n recent times, a distressing tale the unlawful demands of immigration fully distributed among themselves. that the Pakistani government takes swift and decisive action to address cies in order to gain entry into Pakistan. power have led to a drastic increase in this issue, both to restore its reputation and to ensure the safety, dignity, and well-being of travelers crossing this vital border point. Reforms aimed at eradicating corruption, improving transparency, and fostering a welcoming envi-Diplomatic Fallout: ronment for Afghan citizens are essential in rebuilding trust and promoting healthy diplomatic relations between the



two neighboring nations. Only through such actions can Pakistan reclaim its standing as a responsible member of the international community and a beacon of hope for those seeking a better future.

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### SED-2023 Summer Camp, step towards Education

needs that are the secret the society development of the country and the nation. The most important thing is education, which nurtures generations. Unless this is addressed, development goals cannot be set. Education is the jewel that enhances thinking, knowledge and skills through which one gets a chance to advance in the paths of life. Besides, it imparts knowledge in general sciences, arts, literature, history ment Educationand other fields. It is through education that knowledge of mutual understanding and respect is gained, which This makes the generation a respectable citizen. Education is very important being considered for economic and social development as an important of any country. Thanks to education, the country gets better workers, engineers, doctors, editors and scientists who lead the country on the path of development and expansion. Education is the factor that helps in solving employment problems and getting

In order to achieve better and effective results, these educational summer camps must have an efficient and experienced team of teachers. Teachers should have social and pedagogical knowledge of elementary education practices. So that they can understand the practical needs of children and provide them with opportunities that are relevant to the future of children's training education. Keeping these things in mind, educational summer camps for children of primary classes can be very useful. Because it awakens their interest, enhances social helps in technical and analytical skills

employment are the ciples. Summer camps also help teach the value of hard work. And children of the development of will learn to believe in themselves to overcome challenges with patience and determination. Because learning is a continuous process. The main objective of conducting summer camps during summer vacations is mainly to provide extra classes to the students, which will attract most of the population of our country who are away from schools towards education.

> Punjab Governal Summer Camp Program SED-2023 educational summer camp is development by the Puniab government towards improving

educational standards and educabeen organized for the students for 5 years children to 9 years will be given of this summer camp is eight weeks i.e. two months which will start from June 5th 2023. Under this program no fee will be charged from the children under the Punjab Government Educational Summer Camp. Apart from teaching materials, stationery and worksheets are also being provided to the students free of cost. The subjects that the students will focus on in the summer camp include Urdu, English and Mathematic. The government is also making it possible that appropriate measures will be taken to avoid extreme heat in summer. These development, develops independence, include provision of shade, cool water

and electric fans. Since the educa-

ducation, health and and imparts training and moral printion department of Punjab government program is free education, so no burden is being put on the parents during this summer camp. Classes will be held in the morning during the summer camp to avoid the heat. This will run from 7.00 am to 9.30 am. If our private institutions also become a part of it, it will help to reduce the rate of illiteracy in the country.

According to a November 2019 commentary published in the Voice of America, Pakistan is currently going

through a crisis that experts are calling a silent national crisis. Speaking in a Voice of America program, the Joint Secretary of Pakistan's Ministry of Education said that under the constitution, free and compulsory educa-

**Javed Ullah Raja** tion for children between the ages of tional policies. A summer camp has 5 and 16 is the government's responsibility, but at the moment more than 22.48 million children under the age of free basic education. The duration 5 to 16 years are not attending school. Out of which 56 lakh children are between 5 to 9 years of age. A report on the education situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa states that contrary to the government's claims, 24 lakh children between the ages of 5 and 16 in the province are still deprived of the basic right to education. According to statistics, more than one million children between the ages of 4 and 16 are out of school in the tribal areas. It is obvious that with the increasing spread of the country's population, where have these statistics reached? At that time the population of the country was 208 million while now the population of Pakistan is 24 crore 95 lakh 66 thou-

sand 743 according to the preliminary results of the seventh census. Children's education is at the forefront of welfare projects. As it is said, that education is the most important thing. If attention is paid to education, the country will be prosperous. Poverty will end. Generations will flourish. Development of nations is possible only through education. In this context, if the joint efforts of the Azad Kashmir Education Department, Islamic Bank and Qatar Foundation continue, there are bright prospects for the development of the region by spending 22 million dollars on the education sector through this program. Apart from providing free education facilities to 60 thousand children in the first phase, construction of new schools in 80 remote areas is part of this integrated program. This will bring prosperity to the area.

This year, for the promotion of education on behalf of the federal government, the efforts of the admission campaign are also ongoing to equip the children who do not go to school with the iewel of education. Under which children between 5 to 15 years of age will be provided free education near their homes by going door to door. The campaign will continue till all out-of-school children are enrolled. According to the daily Aksrivat News Peshawar, 10,000 pamphlets have been distributed in Swabi district of KPK it is stated that this campaign has been going on since April 7th, 2023, Similar to the efforts of the education department of the Punjab government, arrangements should be made in other provinces of our country because the number of out-of-school children is very high in Sindh, Balochistan and KPK provinces of our country.

# Innocents Vs Culprits, whom to oblige in darkness? - II

Knowing of that within the Him you will be gathered." Does He who created not

know, while He is the Subtle, the Acquainted? Do you feel secure that He who holds authority in heaven would not cause the earth to swallow you and suddenly it would

Or do you feel secure that He who [holds authority I in heaven would not send against

Analysis

you a storm of stones? Then you would know how [severe] was My warning

And already had those before them denied, and how [terrible] was My

Do they not see the birds above them with wings **Mian Rashid Asghar** outspread and [sometimes [ folded in? None holds them [aloft] except the Most Merciful. Indeed He is, of all

things, Seeing. Or who is it that could be an army for you to aid you other than the Most Merciful? The

disbelievers are not but in delusion. Or who is it that could provide for you if

He withheld His provision? But they have persisted in insolence and aversion. Then is one who walks fallen on his face

better guided or one who walks erect on a

Say, "It is He who has produced you and made for you hearing and vision and hearts;

nd conceal your speech or little are you grateful. Say, "It is He who has publicize it; indeed, He is multiplied you throughout the earth, and to

> And they say, "When is this promise, if you should be truthful?"

> Say, "The knowledge is only with Allah, and I am only a clear warner." But when they see it approaching, the faces of those who disbelieve will be distressed, and it will be said, "This is that for which you used to call."

> Say, [O Muhammad], "Have you considered: whether Allah should cause my death

and those with me or have mercy upon us, who can protect the disbelievers from a painful punishment?"

Say, "He is the Most Merciful; we have believed in Him, and upon Him we have relied. And you will Come to know who it is that is in clear error."

Say, "Have you considered: if your water was to become sunken [into the earth, then who could bring you flowing water?'

So there is no need of any error from any site to save and secure Pakistan & fearing to Allah Almighty is always a potential strategy to save us all here and hereafter.

Let's rise to the sun and search out the realities in which conspiracies are pouring into it, so that the nation greatly desires to observe

who has been innocent &; who are culprits losing the homeland?

Concluded

# SAP Transforms Pakistan's Public Enterprises through Digitalization

#### 跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Saquib Ahmad, Managing Director, SAP Pakistan, Iraq and Afghanistan, interacted with the media at a local hotel in Islamabad today. The media meetup was to highlight the collaborative efforts of SAP and Government of Pakistan in transforming public sector enterprises and departments for an effective digital transformation that enables efficient service delivery for the masses. Saquib was accompanied by Haroon Khan, Director Public Sector, SAP Pakistan and Fahad Zahid, Director, Large Enterprise, SAP Pakistan.

Saquib highlighted that the collaboration with SAP has made AGPR office tech-effective and time-efficient. This system also extends to the SBP's Micro Payment Gateway, RAAST, enabling unified disbursements of payments to vendors, contractors, and pensioners. Leveraging SAP software, the AGPR office has fully automated and integrated processes, allowing for automated pension disbursements to 1.2 million pensioners. He added that all these



people's lives.

While answering questions about transforming Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs), Saquib informed the media that the Ministry of Finance & Revenue, all leading Power Distribution Companies (DISCOs), Pakistan Railways, Higher Education Commission (HEC) and many other organizations are relying on SAP solutions in improving efficacy and efficiency

help the world run better and improve mentioned that the Pakistan Railways is transforming through automation, digitalization with the introduction of the technology. He appreciated Pakistan Railways management in efficiently implementing the solution.

He emphasized the valuable contribution of SAP in assisting the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in their budget making process and the disbursement of funds to different ministries and departments. SAP has established trust efforts are in line with SAP's vision to of service delivery for the masses. He among its customers through its role in

facilitating these important financial operations on its platforms.

On a question regarding the ban on opening Letters of Credit (LCs) for imports, Saquib said the government's ban on LCs is affecting SAP's growth. He added that due to the economic and financial crisis; the companies working in the private sector are facing difficulties. Saquib said that everyone is waiting for the positive news from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and hoped that the uncertainty would soon vanish, and the country would soon reach economic stability.

SAP is also supporting private sector customers including Engro Corporation, Imtiaz Store, Ghulam Farooq Group, National Foods, Fauji Fertilizers, Shan Foods, Packages, and many others in their digital transformation journey. SAP has a strong footprint in Oil and Gas sector in Pakistan, and various organizations, including PARCO, Pakistan State Oil (PSO), Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) and Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) trust SAP solutions for digi-

### WFP welcomes contribution from the Philippines to support flood response in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) welcomed a contribution of US\$ 100,000 from the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines to Pakistan for its ongoing flood response to reach the most vulnerable flood-affected communities with relief, recovery and rehabilitation support. The Ambassador-designate of the Republic of the Philippines to Pakistan, Maria



Agnes M. Cervantes, handed over the donation to Rathi Palakrishnan, WFP's Country Director a.i., during a ceremony held at the WFP office in Islamabad on 18 May.

'The Philippine Government is always ready to provide whatever help it could give to the people of Pakistan, with the Philippines and Pakistan considered as most vulnerable to climate change. This is an extension of our appreciation to Pakistan for its assistance after Typhoon Yolanda brought devastation to a large part of the Philippines", said Ambassador-designate Maria Agnes M. Cervantes.

The contribution comes at a critical time and will support thousands of people in need after the devastating floods last year. Malnutrition was already a major public health concern across the country before the floods, but now its acute form is an increasing concern in the worst-affected areas of Sindh and Balochistan, especially among children under 5.

"WFP is very thankful to the Government of the Philippines for the generous contribution and its solidarity with the Pakistani people, especially at a time when people are struggling with soaring food prices and record high inflation. These funds will enable WFP to provide much-needed relief to flood-affected people who do not know where their next meal will come from", said Rathi Palakrishnan.

In its ongoing flood response, WFP has supported over 3.7 million flood-affected people with 77,745 mt of food and nutrition assistance and US\$ 23.3 million in cash-based transfers to date.

### State of World Population Report provides Infinite Possibilities for Pakistan

#### **Spokesman Report**

Population Fund (UNFPA) Pakistan and the High Commission of Canaon Tuesday to mark the launch of UNFPA's 2023 State of World Population (SWOP) report. The event was held at the Canadian High Commissentatives from the Government, the donor community, various UN agencies, civil society and other stake-

Lives, Infinite Possibilities: The Case for Rights and Choices', was launched globally on April 19. Presenting the latest trends with regard to popucies those developments are sparking, demographic trends. the report also cautions against trying

demographic concerns. Family plan-ISLAMABAD: The United Nations ning, it suggests, must not be used as a means for achieving fertility targets but as a tool for empowering individda in Pakistan co-hosted an event uals. Women should be able to choose if, when, and how many children they want to have.

According to the report, Pakistan will be among the eight countries sion and brought together repre- to account for half of the projected global population growth by 2050, along with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, the Philippines and This year's report, titled '8 Billion the USA. Pakistan's population is currently estimated at 240.5 million and is projected to reach 403 million

The report discusses "population lation growth or decline, fertility anxieties" felt in different parts of the rates, reproductive health, family world, including in Pakistan, in reac-avoid perpetuating harmful, discrimplanning, and migration around the tion to population growth or, in some inatory norms and myths." plobe as well as the debates and poli-cases, to low fertility rates or other

to control women's bodies to address SWOP, Dr. Luay Shabaneh, UNFPA Representative in Pakistan, said there is population anxiety in the country, and a genuine linkage between population dynamics, poverty, nutrition and other socioeconomic dimensions recommending that these should be made clear in the public policies and programmes in the country.

"The government needs to ensure that families are provided with all proper services, information, and understanding to implement their own reproductive decisions. Women are not accountable for any nation's problems; they are victims of social norms," said Dr. Shabaneh. "People need to talk about population issues in today's world of unease and uncertainty. Still, they must do so in new ways that uproot current biases and

The High Commissioner



and reproductive health in Pakistan through the project Sehaat Mand Khaandaan. "Sadly, many women in Pakistan, like in a number of other countries, are unable to make choices about contraception, family size and their own health given cultural and economical factors, among others."

UNFPA is committed to working with the government of Pakistan and other partners to address the challenges and opportunities presented by the country's growing population. The SWOP report strongly recommends that governments institute policies with gender equality and rights at their heart, such as parental leave programs, child tax credits, policies that promote gender equality in the workplace, and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights. These offer a proven formula that will reap economic dividends and lead to resilient societies able to

# India's aim to have G20 meeting in Kashmir is to legitimize its illegal occupation: Dr. Fai

#### News Desk

NEW YORK: Kashmiri American diaspora held a peaceful protest in front of the United Nations headquarters in New York city to convey to G20 countries including the United Nations that holding a G20 meeting in disputed territory of Kashmir is meant to engineer a façade of normalcy in Kashmir. The digital trucks were also rented which displaced the messages: "G20 risks legitimizing India's illegal occupation of Kashmir" "G20 in Kashmir violates UN resolutions" "G20 in occupied Kashmir enables genocide" "Say NO to G20 in Kashmir" "Modi: face of Fascism", " "End the Occupation: Free Kashmir", "Demilitarize Kashmir", "India: Release All Political Prisoners."

A memorandum was submitted to the office of UN Secretary General, demanding among other issues, the unconditional release of human rights defenders and political prisoners, such as Khurram Parvez, Muhammad Yasin Malik, Shabir Ahmed Shah, Masarat Aalam, Aaasia Andrabi and various journalists, like Irfan Mehraj, Asif Sultan, Sajad Gul, Fahad Shah, Gowhar Gilani, etc

"India is holding the third G20 working group meeting on tourism today in disputed territory of Kashmir. Such a meeting is in contravention of more than 16 substantive resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. These resolu-India and Pakistan remain still unfulfilled. By holding G20 meeting in Kashmir, India would like to give an impres-G20 countries in Kashmir will unintentionally provide the seal of approval to reckless and thoughtless decision of Modi Administration," said Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Secretary General, Washington-based World Kashmir Awareness Forum.

Dr. Fai appealed to the G20 countries to listen to Professor Fernand de Vareness, United Nations Special Rappor-



G20 meeting (in Kashmir) the Government of India is seeking to normalize what some have described as a military occupation by instrumentalizing a G20 meeting and portray an international 'seal of approval', despite what Volker Turk, the UN High Commissioner for Human rights, told the UN Human rights Council a few weeks ago was a @worrying human rights situation in the Kashmir region."

Sardar Sawar Khan, former Member, Kashmir Council and main organizer of the peaceful protest hoped that the G20 tions which were agreed upon by both countries, as signatories to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Geneva convention, and other International Human Rights Instruments will sion of normalcy and the presence of adopt a definitive pro-people stance. The credibility of G20 countries is on the line and we urge the G20 countries to stand firm and refuse to be weaponized in the disempowerment and subjugation of a hapless people.

Raja Mukhtar of Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front said that the G20 meeting in Kashmir will send a wrong signal that these countries are willing to sacrifice moral values and universal prin-

"the people of Kashmir are dismayed by the lack of action by the world powers to help stop the carnage and by their virtual indifference to the situation in occupied Kashmir. The demand of the people of Kashmir is simply to exercise the unfettered right of self-determination to decide the future of the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sardar Taj Khan, Senior Vice Chairman, Kashmir Mission, USA said that the people of occupied Kashmir still have confidence that world powers will realize that what is at stake in the dispute is not only the survival of the people of Kashmir, but peace in the populous region of South Asia and also the basis of a civilized worldview. Sardar Zarif Khan, Secretary Gener-

al, Kashmir American Welfare Association asked: How long will the world watch in silence as India carries out the genocide of the people of Kashmir? Zarif appealed to the Secretary General to persuade Government of India to stop the killings, end its repression and fulfill its promises so that a new era of goodwill, peace and prosperity can dawn in the Subcontinent - home to one-fifth of

total human race.

Sardar Imtiaz Khan Garalvi, Representative, Jamaat-e-Islami, Azad Kashmir said that Antonio Guterres, the Secretary General of the UN has not let his moral weight serve the cause of peace, prosperity, and democracy in Kashmir as of now. We were heartened when he said that the Kashmir issue should be resolved under UN Charter and under applicable UN Security Council resolutions.

Raja Razzak said that Kashmiri people are being devoid of their property and armed Hindu militants are being settled on these properties. All of these steps are being taken under well planned scheme to change the demography of Jammu and Kashmir.

Mirza Farooq of 4th Pillar TV drew the urgent attention of the Secretary General to the situation in Indian Occupied Kashmir. Mirza Farooq added that atrocities on a massive scale are being remorselessly perpetrated by 900,000 Indian military and paramilitary forces on unarmed men, women, and children. He warned the world powers that the status quo in Kashmir, if left unchanged, will only result in a growing spiral of death and even greater regional

instability. The UN must take an active role in finding a peaceful and permanent solution to the crisis.

**India Guilty** 

Sardar Sajid Sawar demanded three points: 1 End the occupation of Kashmir now; 2. Demilitarize Kashmir on either side of the Ceasefire line; 3. Let the people of Kashmir be given the right of self-determination to decide their future.

Choudhary Muhammad Ishaq appealed to the United Nations to take practical measures that will dissuade India to Indulge in gross human right abuses against innocent Kashmiri population and sway them to participate in tripartite negotiations involving Pakistan and genuine leadership of Kashmir.

Zahid Shahbaz, PAK WATAN TV deplored the state of human rights and democratic values in Indian Occupied Kashmir, Kashmir issue is about honoring the political and human rights of the people of Kashmir in accord with international law, justice and morality. Zahid Shahbaz added that the issue of Kashmir is by no definition a border dispute between India and Pakistan. It is a problem that includes 23 million people of the erstwhile State of Jammu

Sardar Mehmood reminded the special prayer for markers of Kashmir.

Biden Administration that as early as 1948, the United States took the stand that the future of Kashmir must be decided by the people of Kashmir, yet US does not intervene to make it happen. Sardar Mehmood added that India's war crimes in Kashmir are notorious. Its army kills civilians with impunity.

Ms. Aita Shahnaz said that there is brutality, cruelty, suffering and pain everywhere in Kashmir. An iron-fisted military rule has prevailed there, featuring a staggering 900,000 Indian military and paramilitary forces. She expressed her solidarity with voiceless people of Kashmir and added that Kashmiri diaspora have the resources to knock the doors of important members of Congress to educate them about the situation in Kashmir.

Choudhary Rashid Masud that India is using rape as a weapon of war, yet the world powers do nothing to ease the pain and agony of the oppressed of people of Kashmir.

He expressed his anguish for the silence of the world powers, including G20 on the continuing deteriorating situation in Indian occupied Kashmir.

The protest concluded after making



### **Bull & Bears** PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation				
Pakistan: PSX 1	00-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close			
41,099.30	41,195.06			
Day's High	Day's Low:			
41,295.64	41,098.70			
Index Value	Change			
2,068,336,754	-95.76			
Percentage	Time			
-0.23%	23 May, 2023 5:00 pm			
Europe: FTS	E 100 Index			
Index Value	Change			
7,762.95	-8.04			
Percentage	Time			
-0.10%	23 May, 4:35 pm GMT+1			
<b>USA: Dow Jones I</b>	ndustrial Average			
Index Value	Change			
33,233.86	-52.72			
Percentage	Time			
-0.16%	23 May, 12:52 pm GMT-4			
Asia Pacific: Nikk	ei Stocks Average			
Index Value	Change			

#### **Open Market Forex Rates**

-129.05

**Time** 

23 May, 3:15 pm

GMT+9

30,957.77

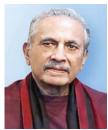
**Percentage** 

-0.42%

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	202	204
Bahrain Dinar	762.17	770.17
Canadian Dollar	228	232
China Yuan	42.47	42.87
Danish Krone	41.58	41.98
Euro	331.5	334.8
Hong Kong Dollar	37.31	37.66
Indian Rupee	3.46	3.57
Japanese Yen	2.25	2.3
Kuwaiti Dinar	932.58	941.58
Malaysian Ringgit	62.92	63.52
NewZealand \$	179.8	181.8
Norwegians Krone	26.58	26.88
Omani Riyal	741.31	749.31
Qatari Riyal	78.28	78.98
Saudi Riyal	82.2	83
Singapore Dollar	215	217
Swedish Korona	26.91	27.21
Swiss Franc	318.76	321.26
Thai Bhat	8.37	8.52
U.A.E Dirham	84.7	85.5
UK Pound Sterling	382.15	386
US Dollar	309	312

### Taxes on the pharma industry be abolished for public relief

**Commerce Desk** 



Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt on Tuesday said medicines are becoming more and more

expensive and gone out of the reach of the common man.

The majority of the population reeling under unprecedented inflation is unable to get proper treatment due to the high price of medicines, he said

Shahid Rasheed Butt said in a statement issued here today that taxes on the pharmaceutical industry should be abolished so that the people with eroded buying power can get affordable medicines.

He said that the depreciation of the rupee, inflation and the high price of utilities have harmed the pharma industry as well as other industries and their business cost has increased a lot which is being shifted to the masses.

The business leader said that almost every day some essential medicine disappears from the market, which increases the public's anxiety.

Shahid Rashid Butt said that since last July, the value of the rupee has decreased by 78%, fuel price has increased by 142% per litre, and electricity tariff has increased by 177%, which has affected the public and the business community.

The overall cost of doing business for the industrial sector has increased by three hundred percent while the sales of the pharma industry have decreased by twenty-three percent as people are compromis-

ing on healthcare. He informed that there were 36 multinational pharma companies working in Pakistan in the early 2000s and the number is now down to 22 and it is set to decrease further if the situation was not improved.

# Ahsan Bakhtawari presented the budget proposals

#### ★ Tarig Khattak

ISLAMABAD: President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ahsan Zafar Bakht $awari\,while\,presenting\,the\,budget\,proposals\,in$ the meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Finance said that the government needs to take steps to increase the tax net. The government should make all commercial meters subject to NTN numbers, which will significantly increase the tax net. There is a need to change the working hours to save energy.

Suggestions from the business community across the country need to be seriously incorporated in the budget. In a difficult economic situation, the government should formulate an economic plan in consultation with the

The meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance was chaired by the Chairman Committee, Senator Saleem Mandviwala On Tuesday, In which the members of the committee Senator Sadia Abbasi, Senater of State for Finance Ayesha Ghos Pasha, FBR officials, Presidents of Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Quetta, Faisalabad Chambers and Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce, ident Islamabad Chamber Ahsan Bakhtawari country's economy.



tor Sherry Rehman, Senator Dilawar, Minis- Pakistan Business Council participated. The while speaking in the meeting said that LCs meeting considered the recommendations of and ban on imports, differences in commerthe business community for the preparation of cial electricity tariffs at regional level, smugthe budget for the financial year 2023-24. Pres- gling and all such problems are harming the

There is a need to formulate policies on a permanent basis to solve them. POS integration should be mandatory for retailers as well as all distributors and manufacturers. The issue of filers and non-filers should be solved, supply should be given only those businesses that are POS integrated or have NTN numbers.

Chairman Taxation Committee Islamabad Chamber of Commerce Mian Ramzan said On the occasion that one million is a very small amount for advance tax and it should be increased.

People hesitate to register new companies due to high taxes, dividend taxes should be exempted, tax on rental income should be reduced.

On this occasion, Chairman Committee Senator Saleem Mandviwala while appreciating the budget proposals of Islamabad Chamber said that the best and workable proposals have come from the Chambers and the business community. We will place these proposals before the Finance Ministry and FBR try to make them part of the upcoming budget. He said that the business community has a very important role in economic system of Pakistan. The Standing Committee will play active role in

conveying their suggestions to the government.

# JBS acquires majority stakes in silicon-valley based imparé

**Example 2** Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Jaffer Business Systems (JBS), a system integrator based in the MENAP region, announces its strategic acquisition of a Silicon Valley based start-up, "Imparé", specializing in chip verification. This acquisition is the first time JBS has made a startup investment outside of Pakistan, right in the tech hub of the world that is Silicon Valley putting them at the forefront of the chip verification industry in the country.

JBS CEO, Veqar Ul Islam says, "I am absolutely delighted with the acquisition of Imparé. Our strategy of start-up acquisition resonates around our "Purpose" to facilitate a broader, stronger, entrepreneurial network in the country - which is futuristic, innovative, and blends well with new ways of driving our economy."

The chip verification market is expected to grow up to \$16 billion in the next five years, making it a highly in-demand and short-skilled industry worldwide. Imparé was founded with the goal of creating a verification centre of excellence in Pakistan and training local students to work with top US companies to meet the growing upholding exceptional quality standards. expanding its reach and impact.

demand for verification engineers.

Imparé Founder, Faisal Haque added, "The silicon market is set to double in the next eight years and the demand for verification engineers is high. Our goal is to provide a centre of excellence in chip verification and train the next generation of engineers to meet this demand."

In addition, Imparé is proud to offer a 5:1 cost advantage to its customers while

This distinctive value proposition ensures that clients receive top-notch chip verification services at an unparalleled cost

The acquisition of Imparé marks a new era for JBS and is a testament to its purpose of continuing to improve lives. Imparé, with its specialized chip design verification services, will now be able to provide its expertise to customers in the US, further

#### **LCCI President Kashif Anwar visits RCCI**



**News Desk** 

RAWALPINDI: A delegation of Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) headed by Kashif Anwar President LCCI visited Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry and had a meeting with President RCCI Saqib Rafiq. Senior Vice President Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, VIce President Faisal Shahzad, Secretary General Irfan Manan different departments and Khan were also present on

RCCI President Saqib ness community.

Rafiq gave a briefing on RCCI current activities to the LCCI delegation. The matters related to taxation, budget proposals, current economic situation, rupee devaluation and challenges faced by exporters came under discussion.

He also informed that RCCI is going to organize a third property expo to be held on June 2-4. Later the LCCI delegation also visited appreciated the services being provided to the busi-

# Symmetry Digital to provide end-to-end digital marketing and transformation services

**Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Jubilee Life Insurance. the leading private sector insurer in the country has appointed Symmetry Digital, a Symmetry Group Company, as their partner in transforming their digital presence and customer experience.

This relationship covers the full range of interactive marketing and transforma $tion\ services\ including\ \bar{d}igital\ marketing$ strategy, content, social, search, influencer, performance, media, and web design and development while delivering innovative ideas with data and future tech at the centre.

"In line with the marketing requirements of the modern age, we at Jubilee Life are making efforts to create the relevant impact through digital mediums," shared Mr. Javed Ahmed, MD and CEO Jubilee Life Insurance. "Symmetry Group is a great fit for us in this regard. We are excited to join forces and take our customer experience to the next level, meeting will provide exceptional digital solutions are effective.



their ever-changing needs with cuttingedge tech and digital solutions," he added.

We are honoured that Symmetry Digital is partnering with Jubilee Life Insurance in their digital journey," said Mr. Sarocsh Ahmed, CEO of Symmetry Group. "This is an extension of our vision to deliver digital experiences that

for Jubilee Life Insurance customers."

Jubilee Life Insurance is actively shifting focus to raise awareness amongst the younger generation to invest in insurance products from an early age. This objective formed the basis of bringing Symmetry Digital on board to direct marketing efforts toward the approprimake the world better and together we ate target audience through channels that

#### **MEPCO** and **PSO** for Supply of petroleum products through Fleet Card Service: **Chaudhry Khalid**

S Asim Tanveer

MULTAN :An agreement has been reached between Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) and Pakistan State Oil Company (PSO) for supply of petroleum products through Fleet Card Service. Director General HR & Admin Mapco Chaudhry Khalid Mahmood, Director Transport Mapco Major (retd) Farrukh Javed Ghman, PSO Regional Head Cards Central Akmal Chahal and TM Cards Multan Muhammad Mohsin Siddique signed the agreement documents. According to the agreement, in the first phase, 565 vehicles of Mepco's wal operation circles, project present.

construction department and grid system construction department will be delivered petroleum products through

PPS Offlate Card Service. While in the next phase, 510 vehicles will be added to the system. Director Transport Map Major (retd) Farrukh Javed Ghaman said that the implementation of the PSO Fleet Card Service Agreement will start from June 1, 2023 and the vehicles of the aforementioned offices will be able to get petroleum products from any petrol pump of PSO. Director Administration MEPCO Mohammad Wajahat Bucha, Deputy Director Transport Abdul Razzaq Kashif and Assistant Director Trans-Multan, Khanewal and Sahi- port Saleem Qadri were also

# Joint teams launched a massive operation against wheat hoards

#### 👺 Zainab Hyder

KARACHI: The joint teams of officials of district administration and food department launched a massive operation against wheat hoards in Dadu, Jamshoro and Naushehero Feroze districts on Tuesday

The section of 144 crpc was already imposed to shift wheat to other provinces or districts by Sindh government.

CM Sindh Syed Murad Ali has strictly directed to food department and district administrations to complete the wheat procure target and take actions

"Sindh Chief Secretary Dr Mohammad Sohail Rajput is monitoring the situation on a daily base through receiving reports from commissioners of Hyderabad, Larkana, Sukkur, Mirpurkhas divisions"" Farhat Hussain Janwery spokes to Sindh Chief Secretary Dr Mohammad Sohail Rajput against wheat hoarders".

A joint team of district administration Nausheher Feroze and food officials led by Deputy Commissioner Shahzeb Sheikh, a major action was taken against

against hoarders of wheat in the wheat hoarders was carried warehouse.. out in various towns of district Naushehero Feroze 4000 (four thousand) sacks of wheat were recovered from different places

> of the district. District Food Controller Noshro Feroze, Assistant Commissioner also took part in seizing of wheat, stocked ille-

According to the details, four told this reporter about actions thousand bags of 100 kg wheat (400 tons) of wheat stored for profit from Mithani, Kotri Kabir, Halani, Mehrabpur town and other areas were seized and immediately sent to Karachi for transfer to the government

On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Shahzeb Sheikh said that actions will continue against those who hoard wheat and other food items.

A team of district administration of Dadu, led by Assistant Commissioner Dadu Dr Shahnawaz Meerani and DFC Dadu raided at various places in Dadu city and recovered 3000 bags wheat, seized it.

Dr Shahnawaz Meerani told that they will continue, their operation against wheat hoarders in city to complete the wheat target and to eradicate the shortages of wheat and flour.

#### **Pakistan Cables pledges** to supports the Aga Khan Cultural Service (AKCS-P) heritage conservation efforts

#### Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Pakistan Cables

pledged to support the Aga Khan Cultural Service -Pakistan's upcoming project on conservation of historical sites in Pakistan. As part of the project, internship opportunities are being offered by AKCSP to young graduates and students from the related fields of architecture, traditional engineering and construction techniques, material sciences, etc. The



students will be provided onsite and hand-on learning opportunities at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lahore Fort and the Walled City of Lahore, where AKCS-P is currently working to restore Mughal era Wazir Khan Mosque.

# Ghulam Fatima, Aliya Riaz, Sidra Amin script Dynamites' dominating win

**Asim Tanveer** 

The One-Day phase of the Pakistan Cup Women's Cricket Tournament began with Dynamites' commanding win over Blasters at the State Bank Ground on Tuesday.

Leg-spinner Ghulam Fatima returned exceptional figures of four for 17 in eight overs and seaming all-rounder Aliya Riaz took three wickets for 19 in five overs to

before captain Sidra Amin's 58 not out match, dismissed Ayesha, Aleena Shah, Dynamites chased the target. sealed a nine-wicket win at the 16.4 overs

Blasters' decision to bat after winning the toss backfired as they lost first two wickets for just one run and found themselves stuttering at 25 for four. Their six batters failed to get going and were out for none. Opener Ayesha Zafar and Saba

Fatima, who was named player of the

Anam Amin and Zaib-un-Nisa. Aliya's scalps included Zunaira Shah, Iram Javed and Saba.

Sidra provided a solid start with Khading stand, providing no opportunity to Blasters bowlers to defend their low-score.

Sidra struck nine fours in her unbeaten 55-ball knock and had the company of Bismah Maroof (13 not out off 14) when

Blasters will play Challengers in the second one-day on Thursday. Scores in brief:

Blasters 94 all out, 37 overs (Ayesha ija Chishti (11 off 31) with a 63-run open- Zafar 37, Saba Nazir 27; Ghulam Fatima 4-17, Aliya Riaz 3-19)

Dynamites 95-1, 16.4 overs (Sidra Amin 58 not out)

Player of the match - Ghulam Fatima (Dynamites)

#### Azad Jammu and Kashmir athletes participating in 34th National Games

Estate Association are also seen Akbar Shad

Director Ceo Club Investments Asghar Haris is present-

ing the Bouquet to Mr.Farhad Igbal, Chairman MPL, Lahore during the inauguration Of MPL Cricket Tourna-

ment, Mr.Sarfraz Hussain, General Secretary Dha Real

👺 Bureau Report

The games of the 34th National Games organized by Pakistan Olympic Association have started. The 91-member contingent of Azad Jammu and Kashmir athletes is led by Director Sports Malik Shaukat Hayat Khan. Judo and squash players are participating in the games today. Azad Kashmir Sports Board seniorOfficial Mr Shaukat Malik District Sports Muhammad Yasin Khan Deputy Director Sports (Deputy Chief Commissioner), Liaquat Uzair, Muhammad Rizwan presented Azad Kashmir flag to Muhammad Arshad President Balochistan Squash Association.

#### Babar, Naseem join Colombo Strikers in LPL 2023

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: The Colombo Strikers, who will play their first season of the Lanka Premier League this year, announced a star-studded Icon Players lineup on Tuesday.

The Icon Players include Pakistan captain Babar Azam, highly talented Pakistan speed-

ster Naseem Shah and Sri Lankan T20 stars Matheesha Pathirana and Chamika Karunaratne. The Colombo franchise in a statement expressed the hope to receive a lot of attention from cricket fans around the world with Pakistan superstar Babar Azam in their set-up. The top-order batter has amassed a whopping 9201 runs

Fast bowler Naseem Shah will be looking to lead the bowling attack with Pathirana. The youngster has taken 73 wickets in 76

ing world by storm with his performances in T20s in the recent past. The fast bowler has picked up 22 wickets in 20 matches at a

Meanwhile, the bowling all-rounder Chamika Karunaratne will play a vital role in the Colombo Strikers team. The experienced campaigner has taken 60 wickets and scored 726 runs in

Khanna, the owner of the Colombo Strikers said, "We are absolutely thrilled to have four of the biggest T20 stars as a part of our Icon Players line-up. We have built a strong core group of players With these superstars with us, we are well on our way to forming

# Taipei 15-1 in Men's Junior

ISLAMABAD: SALALAH: Muhammad Sufyan Khan and Abdul Hanan Shahid scored hat-tricks as Pakistan humbled Chinese Taipei 15-1 in their opening match of the Men's Junior Hockey

The Green Shirts were off to a flying start as Muhammad Sufyan

Arbaaz Ahmed was quick to double Pakistan's lead as he scored

triumph over hapless Chinese Taipei.

Chinese Taipei, on the other hand, could only manage to score only one goal and thus Pakistan claimed a big win. The Green Shirts will face Thailand in the second match of Junior Men's Asia

# in 260 T20s at a brilliant average of 44.02.

matches at a magnificent average of 29.75.

The 20-year-old Matheesha Pathirana has caught the cricket-

spectacular average of 22.36.

Speaking about the announcement of the Icon Players, Sagar

around which we will construct a formidable team for the se a power-packed team."

### Pakistan thwart Chinese Asia Cup opener

A Sports

Khan scored the opener just two minutes into the game.

one five minutes later before Muhammad Sufyan Khan struck again in the 18th minute to take the national side's lead to 3-0. Pakistan struck two more goals in the first half and went to the

break with an advantage of 5-0. The green shirts completely blew away Chinese Taipei in the second as they smashed 10 more goals to complete a dominating

Cup on Wednesday.

#### Nazir scored 37 and 27. bundle out Blasters for 94 in 37 overs Diplomatic Golf Cup

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Turkmenistan and Dean of Diplomatic Corps to Pakistan Atadjan Movlamov posing for group photo along with the Diplomats after participating in 2nd FTS (Friendship through Sports) Diplomatic Golf Cup held in Pine Golf Club,



# Six teams to battle for glory in first ever US master TTen Cricket League

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: A total of six young talents as they embark teams will be vying for victory in the first-ever US Masters TTen cricket league, a highorganized by T Ten Global Sports and the US-based SAMP Army Cricket Franchise next month.

The tournament is set to begin in Dallas, Texas in June, success of six editions of the promising an exhilarating showcase of talent and fierce battle being co organised by the T Ten Global Sports, the renowned organizers of the Abu Dhabi T10 League.

Ritesh Patel, the proprietor of SAMP Army Cricket Franchise and one of the primary organizers of the American edition, expressed his enthusiasm for introducing this fast-paced and thrilling cricket format to the United

He mentioned that the matches in the US Masters TTen cricket league will showcase an exciting blend

Following the significant Abu Dhabi T10 and the highdebut edition of the US United States.

thrilling 10-over format US an ideal destination for

of six retired international as Corey Anderson, Misbah orating with Shaji Ul Mulk cricket legends and emerging Ul Hag Shiy Narain Chan- and Ritesh Patel, who are on their cricketing journeys. This revolutionary occa-

sion pledged to introduce speed cricket tournament the electrifying T10 format to American territory, captivating enthusiasts and exhibiting the skills of skilled cricket athletes on a global platform.

> his career. ly anticipated Indian Masters League, T Ten Global Sports is delighted to declare the Masters T10 League in the Since the inception of T10  $\,$

in 2017, the goal has been to bring forth a high-paced game format resembling football. Now, after six years, the T10 format has arrived in the United States. The energetic and action-packed nature of this sport makes the showcasing such a thrilling

format.

derpaul, alongside USA National and Domestic players, graced the launch of the US Masters T10 League with

> their presence. Speaking on the occasion Misbah Ul Haq expressed his immense privilege in being involved in this format in the US, particularly at his stage in

He emphasized the desire for seasoned players to make a comeback, highlighting the potential success of the US Masters T10 League. To further integrate cricket into the American audience, several notable US sports personalities are joining the league by acquiring team

ownership. The Morrisville Unity team welcomes the addition of NBA Superstar Spencer Dinwiddie, who enthusiastically joins the US Masters T10 League.

Expressing his excitement, Dinwiddie expresses Prominent cricketers such his enthusiasm about collab-

spearheading the introduction of this burgeoning international sport of cricket to the

United States. Kayvon Thibodeaux, a member of the NY Giants NFL team, expresses his excitement about being part of the expanding international sport of cricket making its

way to America. He joins the NY Warriors T-10 Team in this endeavor. Additionally, the unveiling of the new logo for the USA T10 adds to the latest developments in the sport's intro-

duction to the United States. Following the official announcement of the USA T10, the unveiling of the new logo took place, showcasing the brand identity of the tour-

The reception following the announcement was graced by Indian actors Elnaaz Norouzi and Parvati Nair, who provided captivating entertainment for the

#### Zimbabwe Select takes lead in one day series

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Zimbabwe Select downed Pakistan Shaheens in the fourth game of the six-match One Day series to take a 3-1 lead at the Harare Sports Club on Tuesday. Centuries from Craig Ervine and Joylord

Gumbie helped Zimbabwe to a seven-wicket win over Pakistan Shaheens. Zimbabwe Select chased down the

296-run target with ease thanks to a mammoth second-wicket stand of 277 runs between Ervine and Gumbie. Ervine top-scored in the match with 161

off 144 (19 fours and three sixes), overshadowing Omair Bin Yousuf's 153, and his partner Gumbie, who opened the innings with Tadiwanashe Marumani (four off two), made 111 off 194 (10 fours). The pair came together after Pakistan Shaheens dismissed Marumani in the

second over, but the tourists failed to make any further inroads as Ervine and Gumbie put up a solid stand. The other two wickets came in the 45th and 46th overs. Pakistan Shaheens posted a target of 296 because of Omair's 153 off 126. The

right-handed batter struck 14 fours and four sixes and provided stability in the middle order after his side had lost three wickets for 55. The 24-year-old

Karachi-born stitched a 139-run partnership with Kamran Ghulam, who made 55 off 79, for the fourth wicket.

# Spain arrests seven over Vinicius Junior racism incidents

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MADRID: Spanish police arrested seven people Tuesday over two incidents of racial abuse targeting Real Madrid's Brazilian star Vinicius Junior, including one this weekend that sparked an international outcry.

Spain's football league, La Liga, has been engulfed in a racism scandal after the 22-year-old forward was subjected to racist taunts during Sunday's 1-0 defeat at Valencia and later sent off.

The player has been taunted by opposition fans since he joined Real in 2018 but the latest incident has kicked up a storm over whether Spain is doing enough to stamp out racism in football.

Early on Tuesday, police confirmed arresting three youths in Valencia for "insults and gestures with racist overtones" towards the player that amounted to "an alleged hate crime" during Sunday's match.

The game was held up for sever-

his post-match report that shouts of "monkey" had been directed at Vinicius.

Police said the investigation remained open to identify further suspects.

In a statement, Valencia confirmed three fans had been arrested, reiterating its "strongest condemnation against racism and violence" and saying the club was acting against those involved "by banning them for life from our stadium".

Also Tuesday, Madrid police arrested another four men suspected of hanging an effigy wearing a Real Madrid shirt with Vinicius' number on it from a bridge in January.

The dummy was hung by the neck from a highway bridge near Real Madrid's training ground on January 26 ahead of their match against Atletico Madrid.

Government spokeswoman Isabel Rodriquez welcomed the arrests, saying they showed Spanshould have been "applied when

al minutes and the referee wrote in ish authorities had "zero tolerance" for racism in sports.

"We must clearly say we are

anti-racists, Spain fights these behaviours, condemns them and does everything to eliminate them," she added. The Brazilian government has

formally protested to the Spanish ambassador and will lodge an official complaint with authorities in Madrid. Brazil "deeply regrets that no

effective measures have yet been taken to prevent the recurrence of these racist acts," it said in a state-

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancewas "obsolete".

Referee Ricardo de Burgos Bengoetxea activated the racism

lotti said Sunday's incident showed FIFA's racism protocol in football

protocol after Vinicius squared neck before the incident - which off with fans, singling out one would also have been a red card supporter whom he accused of offence. But Ancelotti said the protocol

the team bus reached the stadium, because the insults started there".

"It's a moment to take drastic measures. Institutions have chances, above all now, to take radical measures on this important subject," he added.

Vinicius was sent off later in Sunday's game for hitting Valencia's Hugo Duro after the referee watched VAR footage of a brawl between the two teams. Spain's refereeing committee on Tuesday sidelined official Ignacio

Iglesias Villanueva for his upcoming matches after his involvement in awarding Vinicius a red card against Valencia. During the match, Iglesias Villanueva was in charge of VAR but the video he showed the referee did not include footage of Duro grabbing the Brazilian around the

Vinicius Junior was dismissed and will likely miss the next two or three matches, meaning he



may not play again for Madrid this season.

There is growing anger in Brazil over the incident, with the lights on the Christ the Redeemer statue ened statue, saying he was moved he added.

in Rio de Janeiro turned off for one and thanking followers for their hour in solidarity with the player.

"Black and imposing," Vinicius Junior tweeted of the dark-

support. "But I want, above all, to inspire

and bring more light to our fight,"